

# Bah Humbug: Winterton's Closes

*After Five Years, Mom and Pop Market Shuts Doors*

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**A**fter nearly five years of convenient neighborhood service, Winterton's Market is closing its Midway doors for the last time.

Despite the protestations of loyal customers, owner Kent Winterton decided early last week he simply cannot equal the Smith's and King's of the grocery world.

"It's tough," Winterton said. "These mom and pop stores just can't compete."

The store, which has been a Midway grocery institution for over 100 years, will close officially as soon as all the merchandise is gone. As an incentive, Winterton has marked all items 20 percent off for the liquidation. "I expect it will take a couple weeks before everything sells," the owner said. "We have to be out by Jan. 15."

Winterton, along with brother Paul, opened the market in July 1995. Because Paul spends time as a teacher at the local middle school, Kent Winterton has remained the sole full-

any small business. You put your heart and soul into it, and to abandon all that in a matter of weeks is kind of traumatic."

The store, located at 99 E. Main in Midway, was originally built in the late 1800s. The original grocery market had a wood floor, which is still visible in the front part of Winterton's. After changing ownership several times, the neighborhood treasure tripled in size when tile was put in during the '50s. Though it has been remodeled since, Winterton's has maintained its quaint, no frills charm.

Had things gone as planned, Winterton and his brother would have used the market to move to a larger location. But sluggish sales eventually

has not lost his sense of humor. While ringing up some of his final customers, the owner quipped, "I think I've been cured of the small business bug."

In the meantime, the market will remain open for liquidation from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Already, people have inquired about buying the store's equipment including the shelves, coolers, kitchen wares and even the copy machine. Winterton

has no objections. "If it's not hooked to a beating heart, it's for sale," he joked.

The erstwhile owner said that while the whole community is "bummed out," he expects a bigger, more competitive store is on the horizon in Midway. As for the Winterton's location following Jan. 15, the landlord is

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Owner Kent Winterton



End of an era: Due to slow sales Midway's Winterton's Market is closing for business.

time employee. As such, he is not taking the end of his enterprise lightly.

"There's no one more disappointed than I am," he acknowledged. "It's like

dampened his enthusiasm. "It's never been fabulous," he admitted. "We've got to face the facts."

Yet as hard as closing is, Winterton

looking for interested parties.

"To whom or what I have no idea," Winterton concluded, "but he'll lease it to whoever he can."

## OBITUARY

### Alma Nicol



Midway, UT- Alma Nicol, age 84 passed away peacefully at home Dec. 18. Born March 6, 1916 in Duchesne, Utah the son of Hyrum Chase Nicol Sr. and Isabella Crawford Murdoch. Married Olga Allred in the Manti LDS Temple on Aug. 18, 1950

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 27 at 11:00 A.M. in the Midway LDS Stake Center, 165 North Center Street. Friends may call from 9:45 - 10:45 A.M. prior to the services at the LDS Chapel. Interment will be in the Midway City Cemetery. Arrangements in the care of Olpin - Hoopes Funeral Home.

## BUSINESS STUDENT OF THE MONTH

### Tyson Bybee

Tyson Bybee has been chosen as Wasatch High School's Business Student of the Month for December. Tyson is a senior at WHS and has taken full advantage of the business course offerings the school provides to students. Tyson's current class schedule includes: Marketing, Economics, Business Communications, Network Administration and Business Math. Throughout his high school career, Tyson has taken nearly every business course available.

Tyson has also taken advantage of the concurrent opportunities the high school offers. Because of his academic efforts both during the school year and last summer, he is on track to graduate from Utah Valley State College with an Associates Degree at the end of this school year. The feat makes him eligible for the New Century Scholarship provided by the state of Utah. Congratulations Tyson!

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He is preceded in death by his wife, fat and Jimmie.

Survivors include six children; Margare (Malene) Young of Midway; Kent Kay (Je Rae (Mike) Gillespie of Bonney Lake, WA; and Kevin L. (Melanie) Young of Carson Wallsburg; six brothers and sisters; Mary (of Ogden; Karen Broadhead of Wallsburg; Velma (Dave) Micke of Owensville, MO; and NV. Also, survived by 19 grandchildren, and

Funeral services were held Friday, I Heber 4th LDS Chapel, 176 West 500 South the Heber City Cemetery.

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